

News Release

Local Students Receive Awards from University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC)

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Saturday, May 21, 2005

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) honored students with achievement and service awards at the annual Student Awards Reception on Tuesday evening, April 12, in Kiehle Auditorium on the UMC campus. There ceremony is held each year to honor those who have made outstanding leadership and service contributions or who have achieved high academic standing at the University's Crookston campus.

Among the recognitions and honors, student organization presidents and members of the Crookston Student Association were recognized for their work during the year.

Fifteen students received Student Achievement Awards, which UMC presents to recognize those students who have excelled not only academically, but also through leadership and service to the University and local community. Those students included Christopher Alford of New Orleans, LA; DeAnn Ebert of Fairmont; Joan Ebnet of Pequot Lakes; Nathaniel G. Emery of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Candl R. Fuller of Aitken; Jonathan Gorentz of Dent; Russell Kleinschmidt of Long Prairie; Carrie Koplin of Campbell; Richard Laager of Lancaster; Jeremy Nguyen of Farmington; Hector H. Santellanes of Crookston; Heather Sperling of Crookston; Alison Stone of Burnsville; Katie Weyenberg of Neenah, WI; and Amanda Willger of Rice Lake, WI.

From that group, two students were recognized with the year's top academic, service and leadership award: "Man and Woman of the Year." The UMC Man and Woman of the Year for 2005 are Nate Emery, a senior majoring in natural resource management, and DeAnn Ebert, a senior majoring in business management. UMC Chief Executive Officer, Joe Massey, presented Emery and Ebert each with a cash award of \$100 for their achievements. Emery is the son of Glen and Vickie Emery of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Ebert is the daughter of Keith and Julie Ebert of Fairmont, Minnesota.

Students also honored selected faculty and staff members with special awards. These awards are significant in that the entire UMC student body votes to select the award recipients. Faculty and staff awards were presented in four categories:

- Outstanding Educator—Chuck Habstritt, associate professor of agronomy;
- Outstanding Service to Students—Pam Holsinger-Fuchs, director, Student Activities and Service Learning;
- Most Creative Use of Technology—Bill Peterson, professor of math;
- Most Supportive of Students—Rae French, director, First Year Experience and Study Abroad Coordinator

Student Athlete All Academic Team Awards:

Members must have an overall grade point average of 3.2 or better and have lettered in the same sport at UMC for two years.

- Baseball

Travis Buckingham of Pillager; Aaron Johnson of Dumont; Aaron Mottl of Staples; Kyle Nyquist of Cokato; Travis Scheving of Crookston; and Brandon Wolf of Sauk Centre
- Men's Basketball

Lee Roberts of Cushing
- Women's Basketball

Casey Francis of Fosston; Elizabeth Jacobson of Fargo, ND; Karna Plaine of Hatton, ND; Carly Score of Boyceville, WI; and Kari Score of Boyceville, WI
- Football

Benjamin Aho of Cokato; Nathaniel Emery of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Patrick McCabe of Bloomington; and Nick Starcevic of Kimball
- Hockey

Brock Anundson of Baudette; Theran Bauer of Spooner, WI; Shawn Carlson of Two Harbors; Nathan Haskins of Spooner, WI; Teal Plaine of Hallock; Brett Shelanski of Bloomington; and Dustin Steigauf of Bemidji
- Men's Golf

Nate Haskins of Spooner, WI; Matt Hiller of Crookston; and Branden Schwartz of Robbinsdale
- Women's Equestrian

Jackie Friesen of Winona; Lacey Lausten of New York Mills; Kristie Santerre of Chugiak, AK; Jessica Sathoff of Dunnell; Lindy Savelkoul of Stanton, ND; Jessica Schweitzer of Fremont, WI; and Katie Weyenberg of Neenah, WI

- Softball

Christina Carlson of Hines
- Soccer

Shea Fust of Portage, Manitoba, Canada and Rachel LaFond of Akeley
- Volleyball

Erin Flynn of Bloomer, WI; Allison Kluck of Hawley; and Jamie Wolff of Inver Grove Heights

Other students receiving awards included:

MINNESOTA

- Afton

John Burger – Presidential Student Service Award
- Aitkin

Candi R. Fuller – Presidential Student Service Award
- Big Lake

James Gapen – Outstanding UMC Ambassador
- Blaine

Rhonda Vielbig – Outstanding Equine Science Student
- Bloomington

Pat McCabe – Outstanding Crookston Student Association (CSA) Student Voting Delegate in memory of Karolyn Joop
- Brownsdale

Aimee Grosam – Horticulture Club Service Award
- Burnsville

Alison Stone – First Year Experience Student Leadership Award
- Campbell

Carrie Koplin – Outstanding Leadership in Business Management; Outstanding Music Award
Ben Loll – Cooperative Campus Ministry Service Award; Presidential Student Service Award
- Cokato

Ben Aho – Outstanding Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management Award
- Coon Rapids

Matt Burdick – First Year Experience Student Leadership Award
- Crookston

Josh Brule – Achievement in Information Technology Award
Heather Sperling – Outstanding Achievement in Business Management
Heidi Sperling – Outstanding Achievement in Business Management
Laura Tiedemann – Study Abroad Award
- Dunnell

Jessica Sathoff – Outstanding Equine Science Student
- Eagen

Darren Lilja – Study Abroad Award
- Elk River

Trevor Alt – Student Support Services Campus Involvement Scholarship Award
- Euclid

Rosemary Ketring – Outstanding Animal Science Student
- Fairmont

DeAnn Ebert – Cooperative Campus Ministry Service Award; Presidential Student Service Award
- Fisher

Vanessa Armstrong – Outstanding Achievement in Math-Physics
- Fridley

John Oketch – Study Abroad Award
- Grand Rapids

Tiffany Anderson – Outstanding UMC Ambassador
- Greenbush

Rhonda Miller – Outstanding UMC Ambassador; Student Volunteer Award
- Hallock

Dion Turgeon – Outstanding Crookston Student Association (CSA) Senator
- Hawley

Alison Kluck – Excellence in Early Childhood Program; Study Abroad Award
- Hugo

Luke Wittkop – Study Abroad Award
- Inver Grove Heights

Jamie Wolff – Outstanding Leadership in Business Management
- Kellogg

Jen Kaser – Norman Pankratz Memorial Conservation Award
- Makinen

Paul Dorman – Residential Life Award
- Minneapolis

Xiongmei Vang – Student Support Services Service Scholarship Award
- Morris

Julie Koehl – Outstanding UMC Ambassador; Student Programmer Award
Phil Seibel – Outstanding Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management Award; Outstanding Music Award; First Year Experience Student Leadership Award
- Oklee

Doug Moen – Achievement in Information Technology Award
- Pequot Lakes

Mark Belanger – Residential Life Awards Outstanding Freshman
Jessica Cowan – Outstanding UMC Ambassador
- Plummer

Mike Hanson – Achievement in Information Technology Award
Joe Linder – First Year Experience Student Leadership Award
- Red Wing

Lisa Voth – Study Abroad Award
- St. Paul

Teng Yang – Outstanding Student Tutor Award, Student Support Services Service and Leadership Scholarship Award; Study Abroad Award
- Tracy

Charly Reinert – Outstanding Student Tutor Award
- Two Harbors

Shawn Carlson – Excellence in Early Childhood Program
- Ulen

Melissa Amondson – Excellence in Early Childhood Program

FLORIDA

- Coconut Creek

Anna Holland – Cooperative Campus Ministry Service Award

NORTH DAKOTA

- Grand Forks

Jim Irrgang – Computer Help Desk Service Award
Robert Gosselin – Student Support Services Karolyn Joop Award
Jessica Pomada – Study Abroad Award

- Hampden

April Thorstad – Outstanding Student Tutor

- Mandan

Eric Stromstad – Outstanding Golf Facilities and Turf Systems Award

- Stanton

Lindy Savelkoul – Outstanding UMC Ambassador

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sisseton

Corey Ramsden – Outstanding UMC Ambassador

- Timber Lake

Theresa Crance – Outstanding First-Year Biology Student

VIRGINIA

- Farnham

Mike Douglas – John Polley Soil and Water Conservation Award

WISCONSIN

- Neenah

Katie Weyenberg – Outstanding Equine Science Student

- Rice Lake

Amanda Willger – Presidential Student Service Award

- Wisconsin Rapids

Nate Emery – Norman Pankratz Memorial Conservation Award

BANGLADESH

- Uttara, Dgakta

Abdul Mungl Mukit Alam – Outstanding Achievement by an International Student

NIGERIA

- Abjua

Victor Obisakin – Diversity Award

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